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This is a letter to request a review of the recent decision (SLD letter dated Feb. 24, 2005) by the SLD to alter the service start date on all (3) of our FRN's for the funding year 7/1/2003-6/30/2004. The form 486 notification letter is dated Sept. 22, 2004 and has the Form 486 Application Number 275861. That decision was based on a missed deadline for the Year 6 form 486 which I submitted. The SLD denied my appeal, and rendered a severe penalty to our school district.

The three specific FRN's are listed below:

- 1) FRN 990376; adjusted Service Start Date - 5/12/2004
- 2) FRN 990380; adjusted Service Start Date - 5/12/2004
- 3) FRN 990387; adjusted Service Start Date - 5/12/2004

Billed Entity Name: Hood River County School District

Billed Entity Number: 144838

Form 471 Application Number: 364794

My request for this review is to seek a fair penalty to be imposed on our school district. While I have no additional evidence to provide the FCC beyond what I submitted to the SLD, I truly believe that my communication mistake does not warrant the severity the SLD has imposed. By having the Service Start Dates set to May 12, 2004, the SLD has denied our district over 86% of the funding for that year. We believe that to be a harsh and unfair penalty. While I still contend that the decision I made based on the SLD representative's conversation with me should not have caused this appeal action, and the subsequent penalty, I am simply seeking a revision of the Service Start Dates. My request is to have the Service Start Dates begin on October 28, 2003 (120 days from the initial service start dates of July 1, 2003). Our district hopes you will honor this request.

In a time when public education, especially here in Oregon, is under funded, I would like to believe that our Federal government would help us in a situation like this. We stand to lose tens of thousands of dollars if this appeal fails. It is a sum that will painfully impact our district, and all because of an honest mistake and a missed date. Again, I request this review to entertain common sense and compassion in rendering a fair judgment. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

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